## GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM



#### Glendale Fire Department Explorer Program

- Program began in 1988
- Proven stepping stone to attaining the position of full-time paid Firefighter
  - Glendale Fire Captains Schaefer, Gorrindo and Murphy; Engineer Boyle; Firefighters Hine and Haleen, Firefighter Paramedic Stein; and Ambulance Operator Olmedo all previous members of a Fire Explorer program

#### Current Employers of Previous Glendale Fire Explorers

- Glendale Fire Department
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
  - Los Angeles City Fire Department
    - Las Vegas Fire Department
    - Beverly Hills Fire Department
      - Oakland Fire Department
      - Pasadena Fire Department
    - San Diego City Fire Department
      - Fresno Fire Department
      - United States Forest Service
        - And more...

#### Glendale Fire Explorer Minimum Requirements

- Age 16-20
- Must be enrolled in school and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED if out of high school
- Must complete application and required forms properly

#### Glendale Fire Department Explorer Program

- Serves to establish a solid foundation for the development of knowledge of the Fire Service through regular post meetings
- Volunteer and assist with department functions and public education demonstrations

#### Glendale Fire Explorer Program

- Policies and Procedures
  - Schedule
  - Attendance
    - Topics
      - Costs
  - Ride-Alongs

- Policies and Procedures
  - Post Rules and Regulations
  - Harassment Policy
  - Grooming Policy

- Post Rules and Regulations
  - Read on your own
  - Understand the rules and regulations
  - Follow the rules and regulations

- Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy
  - Harassment of any sort will not be tolerated
  - Complaints of harassment will be treated following department policy

- Grooming Policy
  - Jewelry
  - Males
    - Hair color, length
    - Facial Hair mustaches, goatees
  - Females
    - Hair color, placed in a bun

### Glendale Fire Explorer Program Schedule

- Post meetings and training on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month
- 1900-2200 hours
- Floating Saturday for manipulative drill

#### Glendale Fire Explorer Program Attendance

- Excused Absences
  - The more you miss, the more you miss
  - Information is needed for Academy Written
     Test
- Unexcused Absenses
  - Unacceptable
  - Two unexcused absences will cause expulsion from the Program
- Leave of absence
  - Written request and approval needed

## Glendale Fire Explorer Program Topics

- Fire Chemistry
- Building Construction
- Fire Hose and Applications
- Ladder Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Breathing Apparatus
- Ventilation

#### Glendale Fire Explorer Program Costs

- Costs involved
  - Program Costs
    - \$10.00 every January for B.S.A. Charter
  - Dues
    - Regular dues \$1.00 every Fri / \$2.00 Sat
    - Used to pay for extracurricular activity support
  - Uniform
    - Boots \$50 \$100
    - Clothing \$100

#### Glendale Fire Department Certified Ride Along Explorer

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- After 6 months of participation at post meetings and in good standing = certified ride along explorer
- Post meetings and continued training on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month
- Floating Saturday for manipulative drill
- Based on age, may Ride Along with fire companies for 14 or 24\* hour shifts, responding on emergency calls

#### Glendale Fire Explorer Program

# Application Process

#### Explorer Application Process

- Application Packet
- Background Investigation
- Medical Evaluation
- School Transcripts

#### Explorer Application Process

# Application Packet

- Entrance Application
  - Used to obtain vital information about the applicant
  - Must be filled out clearly with pen or typed
  - Any area not pertaining to you should be marked "N/A"
  - Any application not filled out correctly or completely will not be accepted

- Autobiographical Sketch
  - Used to learn about the applicant on a more personal level
  - Tell us about you, your family, interests, hobbies, extracurricular activities, etc.
  - Must be hand written in ink
  - Additional pages may be added

- Waiver and Release of Claims
  - Liability release for the City of Glendale
  - Double sided
    - One side for parents to sign if under 18
    - One side for Explorer Recruit Applicant to sign

- Parent Advisement Form
  - For those under 18 years of age
  - Advise your parents about the program you are applying for

- Volunteer Agreement Form
  - As a volunteer with the City of Glendale, you will be covered by Worker's Compensation for injuries sustained during the course and scope of your volunteer assignment.
  - You are acknowledging that Worker's
     Compensation shall be your sole remedy for such injuries.

#### HIPAA Form

 Signature acknowledges Explorer will maintain confidentiality of patient information heard or seen while on an emergency response

#### Explorer Application Process

## Background Investigation

## Explorer Application Process Background Investigation

- Background Questionnaire
  - Be truthful and thorough
  - Lying is NOT tolerated
  - Any omission of an unfavorable event, that is discovered, will lead to expulsion from the Program
  - Very important when it comes to Ride Alongs

## Explorer Application Process Background Investigation

- Authorization to release personal information
  - Make sure you have the correct sheet based on age (< or > 18 years)
  - Gives the Background Investigator permission to ask references that you provided questions or for information

## Explorer Application Process Background Investigation

#### • Live Scan

- As part of the background check, you are required to undergo a Live Scan of your fingerprints
- Results are sent to our Background
   Investigators for review

#### Explorer Application Process

## Medical Evaluation

#### Explorer Application Process Medical Evaluation

- Responsibility of Applicant
- Performed by own Doctor
- Basic Physical
  - Similar requirements to school sports requirement

#### Explorer Application Process

# School Transcripts

## Explorer Application Process School Transcripts

- Responsibility of the Applicant
- Most recently completed semester/quarter
- Must be turned in with application

#### • What's due

- Application
- Autobiography
- Waiver and Release of Claims
- Parent Advisement Form
- Volunteer Agreement Form
- HIPAA Confidentiality Form
- Background Questionnaire
- Authorization to Release Personal Information
- Live Scan Receipt
- Medical Evaluation
- School Transcripts

- Due Date and Location
  - Application letter will advise the location and due date for the application packet and background packet

- If you have questions regarding the application packet
- Contact Captain Murphy
  - Email bmurphy@ci.glendale.ca.us

#### Thanks for attending!



Any
Questions??